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GENEVA FOR USDEL NPT PREPCOM

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SUBJECT: NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE -- PARTICIPATION BY SIGNA-
TORIES

REF: (A) STATE 24425 (B) GENEVA 655

1. JOHN EDMONDS OF FCO DEPARTS FOR NPT PREPCOM FEB. 6.
HE CALLED US IN FEB 5 TO DISCUSS SEVERAL NPT ISSUES.
MOST IMPORTANT WAS PARTICIPATION BY SIGNATORIES. HE RE-
PORTED THAT HE HAS BEEN SUBJECT OF ORCHESTRATED PRESSURE
BY ITALY, FRG, BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES TO TRY TO GET UK SUPPORT FOR PARTICIPATION IN
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NPT BY SIGNATORIES. DUTCH HAVE ALSO KEPT IN CLOSE CON-

TACT WITH EDMONDS BUT THEY ARE AGAINST SIGNATORY PARTICIPATION.

2. IN HIS DISCUSSIONS, EDMONDS HAS TAKEN FOLLOWING LINE:

A) UK IS NOT OPPOSED TO SOME MEASURE OF PARTICIPATION BY SIGNATORIES BUT THERE ARE MANY PROBLEMS IN THE WAY OF SUCH PARTICIPATION. THERE ARE 82 FULL MEMBERS WHO WOULD HAVE TO BE CONVINCED. SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT MEMBERS, I.E. USSR, PROBABLY WOULD OPPOSE. SOME OF MOST NOTABLE SIGNATORIES, I.E. JAPAN AND TURKEY, ARE MAKING SERIOUS EFFORTS TO DEPOSIT RATIFICATIONS IN TIME FOR FULL PARTICIPATION.

B) BY FAR BEST SOLUTION FOR ALL EC SIGNATORIES WOULD BE TO ADHERE TO NPT IN FULL (ALL OF EC REPRESENTATIVES SPEAKING TO EDMONDS AGREE WITH THIS). IF ITALY CANNOT COMPLETE RATIFICATION IN TIME, THE OTHER FOUR SHOULD PROCEED.

C) AS A LAST RESORT UK MIGHT SUPPORT SOME FORM OF LIMITED PARTICIPATION FOR SIGNATORIES, BUT ONLY WITH VERY LIMITED ACCESS -- FOR EXAMPLE SIGNATORIES MIGHT BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK ONLY BY WRITTEN REQUEST TO CHAIRMEN.

3. UP TO NOW UK HAS BEEN PLEASED THAT US HAS SUPPORTED FIRM LINE ON PARTICIPATION. BUT THEIR EC FRIENDS ARE NOW HINTING THAT US MAY TAKE A SOFTER LINE. EDMONDS SAID THAT THIS IS WORRYING BECAUSE AS EUROPEANS, THE BRITISH NEED TO BE SEEN TO BE SUPPORTING THEIR EC PARTNERS. THEY DO NOT WANT TO BE TOUGHER ON THIS ISSUE THAN U.S.

4. WE GAVE EDMONDS SUBSTANCE OF REF (A) AS CURRENT U.S. POSITION BUT WE NOTED THAT USDEL TO NPT PREPCOM HAD REPORTED THAT IMPRESSION HAS SPREAD AMONG DELEGATIONS THAT BROAD PRIVILEGES SHORT OF ABILITY TO TAKE PART IN DECISIONS MIGHT BE ACCORDED SIGNATORIES (PARA 4 REF B).

5. EDMONDS SAID UK EMBASSY WASHINGTON WILL RAISE THIS SUBJECT WITH DEPARTMENT. WE SUGGEST THAT USDEL TO PREP-
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COM BE INSTRUCTED TO COORDINATE WITH EDMONDS ON U.S. POSITION ON SIGNATORIES WHETHER OR NOT IT CHANGES AS A RESULT OF RECOMMENDATION IN REF (B).

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